

Proclamation

WHEREAS, On **December 07, 1941**, the largest war of all time and the most defining event of the 20th century began; and,

WHEREAS, Americans, devoted to liberty and to this country courageously answered the nation's call to arms summarized by **President Franklin D. Roosevelt** by the words: "You bear with you the hope, the confidence, the gratitude and the prayers of your family, your fellow- citizens and your President;" and,

WHEREAS, We still believe today that the blessings of liberty require constant vigilance and sacrifice. And, that every man, woman and child in this great Nation owes a debt of gratitude to those who served their country so selflessly in an event that reshaped the world; and,

WHEREAS, These brave soldiers, sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and airmen, are the beloved native sons and daughters of our County; and,

WHEREAS, More than **400,000 Americans** made the ultimate sacrifice, laying down their lives so others could live free; and,

WHEREAS, In the month of **May 2004**, the **National World War II Memorial** is dedicated in our nation's capital,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Louis H. Bruni**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as **Webb County Judge**, and on behalf of the **Commissioner's Court**, do hereby proclaim:

"World War II Veterans Recognition Day"

In **Webb, County Texas**, and ask all citizens of this great county to celebrate the contributions and sacrifices of these men and women who placed their lives in harms way protecting American values and preserving democracy for the world; and, be it

RESOLVED, That this observance of **World War II Veterans**, our greatest generation, appropriately commemorate the historical events and express gratitude to those who gave so much for their fellow citizens.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Official Seal of **Webb County, Texas** to be affixed on this **10th day of May, 2004**.

The Honorable **Louis H. Bruni**
Webb County Judge